



June 29, 2017

Ms. Carmen Guerrero-Pérez
EPA Division Director
Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Region 2.

Dear Ms. Guerrero:

The purpose of this letter is to let you know that our company has been working since last October of 2016 to solve the export of ashes problem confronting entities in PR. We conducted studies in the EU and elsewhere evidencing the composition of both local fly ash and bottom ash. We contacted several companies around the world in order to find a viable solution that would solve the local problem through the removal of such byproduct from PR. We also delved into the various uses considered for such ashes in the countries of destination to assure they conformed with applicable EPA standards and approved uses for such materials.

During that time, we developed a solution for the storage of fly ash and the ultimate export of both fly ash and bottom ash. Last January our group had all the logistics in place with an end user outside the US that was going to use the material known as bottom ash as a construction aggregate and for road stabilization both according to EPA CCP Regulations.

We would like you to know that our company continues to be available to export bottom ash. We've talked with our logistics chain and we could be ready to export in 90 days. We lost the windows for the vessels last January so we need this time to coordinate the windows for the vessels. We have the logistics and an end user in place. They are very interested and willing to renew our efforts to bring this matter to a successful conclusion.

We are available to discuss this further with your office at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Gisela De Jesus
Vice President/COO

cc: Lcda.Tania Vázquez, Presidenta Junta de Calidad Ambiental
Dr. Carlos Rodríguez Mateo, Senador, Presidente Comisión Salud Ambiental